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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SOVIET EVIDENCE OF WAR CRIMES

REF: (A) STATE 015980; (B) MOSCOW 1111

1. ALONG THE LINES LAID DOWN IN REFTTEL A, THE EMBASSY IS
NOW REQUESTED TO PRESENT TO THE MFA A NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE
REQUESTING EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS:

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A) KOSTAS JANUSKA, BORN 21 SEPTEMBER 1909 IN KREKENAVA,
PANEVEZYS, LITHUANIA;

B) JUOZAS KUNGYS, BORN 4 OCTOBER 1913 AT KAUNAS,
LITHUANIA; AND

C) EDWARD SNIESKA, BORN 31 JANUARY 1920 AT KEDAINIA,
LITHUANIA.

ALL THREE ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A MASS
SHOOTING OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AUGUST 22, 1941 IN
KEDAINIA, LITHUANIA.

2. FYI: ALL THREE ARE NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZENS.

3. THE SOVIETS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT IT HAS COME TO OUR
ATTENTION THAT ONE BENEDIKTAS BURGERIS OR BIRGER, WHO IS
NOW RESIDING IN KEDAINIA, LITHUANIA, MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF
THE WARTIME ACTIVITIES OF JANUSKA, KUNGYS AND SNIESKA.

4. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY WHEN REQUEST
HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND TRANSMIT TEXT OF SAME.

5. AFTER TRANSMITTAL OF NOTE, UPDATE CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE TO REFLECT NEW TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN NAMES GIVEN TO
SOVIETS. HABIB

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